DMS booths as STD booths

† 462. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DMS milk booths in Delhi are being misused and these are being used for STD booths and sale of cigarettes;

(b) if so, whether any concrete steps have been taken or proposed to be taken to prevent it; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir. DMS has permitted telephone facility on milk booths to boost the sale of milk and milk products. The booth concessionaires are not permitted to sell and prohibited items like cigarette and gutka etc. from the milk booths.

(b) and (c) If any booth concessionaire is found selling any of these prohibited items his concessionaireship is terminated.

Crop loss in Tsunami affected States

463. DR. MAM. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the recent Tsunami disaster, the farmers of affected States have lost their entire crops;

(b) if so, the total amount of crops destroyed due to Tsunami in the affected States, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Central Government to help the farmers of the affected States who have incurred heavy losses due to the tidal waves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) In their Memoranda submitted to the Government of India seeking assistance for Tsunami relief measures the affected States and Union Territories (UTs) have indicated that a total crop areas of 23589 hectares have been damaged. The details of the State-

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

wise cropped area reported to have been damaged due to Tsunami are as under

Kerala	-	8153 hectares
Tamil Nadu	-	3636 hectares
Andhra Pradesh	-	790 hectares
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	-	11010 hectares

(c) The Ministry of Home Affairs have announced a package of Central assistance termed as 'Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package for Tsunami Affected Areas' involving assistance of Rs. 2731.04 crore, including the assistance for crops damaged, to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and UT of Pondicherry.

For Andaman & Nicobar Islands the Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package for Tsunami affected areas for an amount of Rs. 821.88 crore has been provided which includes Rs. 239.54 crore for rehabilitation of agriculture and reclamation of soils damaged due to Tsunami.

Foodgrains Production

464. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of productivity of major foodgrains in the country as compared to that of developed countries;

(b) the reasons for lesser foodgrains productivity in the country; and

(c) the steps to increase foodgrains productivity in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) As per the FAO Production Year Book 2002, the details of productivity of major foodgrains in India *vis-a-vis* some of the developed countries of the world for the year 2002 are as follow:

(Productivity in kgs./hectare)

Crop	Country	Productivity
1	2	3
Paddy	World	3916
	India	2914
	USA	7370
	Japan	6582
	France	5526
Wheat	World	2720
	India	2770
	Russian Federation	2257
	USA	2373
	France	7449